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19. Tamil Nadu	133	16
20. Uttar Pradesh	-	-
21. Uttaranchal	51	-
22. West Bengal & Sikkim	15	-
TOTAL	1046	73

* North East Circle comprises Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Manipur, Wfeoram, Nagaland and Tripura.

NB: More Post Offices in various States, including U.P. will be taken up for computerization in this financial year subject to availability of fund and approval of the competent authority.

Innovation in the field of communication and I.T.

933. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are following and implementing the innovation in the field of Communication and Information Technology;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government is encouraging innovative technologies in the field of Communication and Information Technologies. It has been supporting Research and Development in identifield thrust areas. It has also set up organizations to undertake Innovations, Research, Design and Development in identified areas in a focused manner. With the support-of Government, Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT) is working on innovative telecommunication technologies.

(c) Does not arise in view of (a) and (b) above.